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BOARD OF STATE HISTORY
September 16, 2005
MINUTES

TIME: 1:00

PLACE: Rio Grande Depot

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Michael Homer, Chair
Pam Miller, Vice Chair
Ron Coleman
Martha Bradley
Paul Anderson
Chere Romney
Michael Winder
Max Smith
Scott Christensen
John Barton

EXCUSED BOARD MEMBERS

Claudia Berry

DIVISION STAFF:

Phil Notarianni
Wilson Martin
Cory Jensen
Kevin Jones
Linda Thatcher
Kristen Jensen
Lynette Lloyd

OTHERS PRESENT:

Roy Murray, Centerville
Stephanie Syphers, Centerville
Korral Broschinsky, Consultant, ZCMI Warehouse
Lisa Buckmiller, Centerville Historic Sites
Charles Shepherd, MJSA Architects
Kevin Zandberg, MJSA Architects
Jessica Norie, Artspace

OTHER STAFF:

Thom Roberts, Attorney General's Office

WELCOME

Michael Homer welcomed the Board members. Michael excused Claudia Berry. He reminded the Board that the Utah State Historical Society 53rd Annual Meeting began today, September 16. He passed out the program and encouraged the Board to attend. He thanked the Board for participating in the Annual Meeting. Cory Jensen introduced the public.

MINUTES OF THE JUNE 16, 2005 MEETING

Pam Miller made the motion to approve the June 16, 2005 minutes. John Barton seconded the motion. Unanimous approval was given to accept the minutes.

National Register Nominations

Joseph & Algie Ford House, Centerville presented by Cory Jensen.

The Joseph N. and Algie Ford House, built in 1909, is significant under criterions A and C under "The Railroad and Economic Expansion: 1868-1910", and also "City Development: 1910-1940s" context of the *Historic Resources of Centerville* multiple property listing. It is significant under Criterion A in that it is associated with an important time period of Centerville, with the connection of the railroad, the early development of the city, and most significantly the agricultural expansion and development of the community. The Bamberger Rail line provided a means to transport the produce from Centerville's farmers to Ogden and Salt Lake City, providing them with the financial means to build and expand. The Joseph N. and Algie Ford House is architecturally significant under Criterion C as well. It is a well-preserved example of an Arts and Crafts/Craftsman-style Bungalow, and is one of only two examples of the Arts and Crafts style in Centerville. This house retains its historical and architectural integrity, and is a contributing historic resource in the city of Centerville. As well as being a successful businessman acting as Director, Secretary-Treasurer and Manager of the family farms and

ranches, Joseph N. played an integral role in civic activities of the surrounding area; not limiting himself to Centerville alone. Joseph N. held civic positions in Centerville, Bountiful, Salt Lake City, and Provo. Joseph and Algie were also heavily involved in ecclesiastical work for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints (LDS or Mormon Church), as well as other auxiliary organizations. The Joseph N. and Algie Ford House represents the development of the city and its increasing population, as well as the increasingly close economic connection between the small city of Centerville and the urban center of Salt Lake City.

Paul Anderson made a motion that the Board approves the Joseph & Algie Ford House presented for listing to the National Register of Historic Places. The motion was seconded by John Barton and passed with unanimous vote.

ZCMI General Warehouse, Salt Lake City presented by Cory Jensen.

The ZCMI General Warehouse, built in 1905, is historically significant under Criterion A for its long association with the Zion's Co-operative Mercantile Institution, commonly known as ZCMI. Labeled "America's first department store" by most Utah historians, ZCMI was founded in 1868 by Brigham Young, and within a few years, spawned a regional system of local co-operatives. In Salt Lake City, the ZCMI department store was one of the most successful retail establishments in the city's first 150 years. The ZCMI General Warehouse provided a vital link between Salt Lake's railroad district and the ZCMI store on Main Street in the heart of the downtown business. The warehouse was also significant as a wholesale processing center for merchandise bound for ZCMI branches throughout the Great Basin and the Intermountain West. The warehouse represents the twentieth-century development of Salt Lake City's railroad and warehouse district. The building is also significant under Criterion C as both a representative and innovative warehouse. Though the building is one of more than one hundred early industrial and warehouse buildings remaining on Salt Lake City's west side, it is one of only two turn-of-the-twentieth-century buildings to incorporate an interior dock for loading and unloading rail cars. The warehouse also features an innovative interior layout that facilitated the movement and storage of goods. The ZCMI General Warehouse is being nominated as part of the *Salt Lake City Business District Multiple Resource Area* context. The building will be rehabilitated as an adaptive reuse project in 2005-2006 and remains a contributing resource in one of Salt Lake's historic west side neighborhoods.

Cory explained that typically a tax credit project is not reviewed until completed, however in order to secure funds for the project, the lending institution needed to know if the property would be listed on that National Register. The National Park Service has already approved the nomination for tax credit purposes. The preservation section agreed to nominate it while still in progress.

Ron Coleman made a motion that the Board approves the ZCMI General Warehouse presented for listing on the National Register of Historic Places. Martha Bradley seconded the motion. Paul Anderson asked if there would be any complications to do this before the project is complete. Cory responded that the nomination would mention that the project is not complete. The Board is voting on what has been completed up to this point. Max Smith recused himself from voting on the ZCMI General Warehouse. The motion passed with unanimous vote.

AWARD POLICY REVISION

Linda Thatcher discussed the new revision of the Award Policy. There is new language added to the "Other Awards" section of the policy stating: Utah Women's History Association Award: To the best college/university student's paper on the subject of "Women's History in Utah." \$100.00 award funded from the royalties from the book *Women in Utah History: Paradigm or Paradox* until the funds are exhausted.

Michael Winder made a motion that the Board approves the new revision language. Ron Coleman seconded the motion. The revision passed with unanimous vote.

Michael Winder commented that at a later date, Linda might choose to change the selection process.

Pam Miller made an amendment to include prehistory in the award. John Barton seconded the amendment and it passed with unanimous vote.

The amendment change will be presented to the Board at the December 1 Board meeting.

ANNUAL REPORT

Phil asked the Board to review the annual report. The report is used to address the legislature when making recommendations for funding. There is a lot of work that was completed by staff this year in the midst of

reconstruction. This year our websites (utah.history.gov; utahtogo.gov and utahforkids.gov) had over one million visits. Kristen Jensen and the preservation section is working to add GIS and historic sites to our GIS database. The division is responding to the needs of constituents. Phil commended staff on the fine work they do to deliver services to the public.

STATEWIDE STRATEGIC PLAN

Wilson Martin gave an update on the public strategic planning meetings. The division is holding statewide meetings throughout the state. The second public meeting was held in Logan, August 25. The next meeting will be held in St. George, October 20, and in Salt Lake, November 3 here at the Rio Grande. Following the public meetings, a draft document will be developed and reviewed by the Board. It will then be sent out for public comment. The Board will then review the plan after public comment. If approved it will be published and sent to constituents throughout the state and the National Park Service.

POTENTIAL STATUTE CHANGES

Kevin Jones passed out a draft for potential statute changes in the state Native American Grave Protection and Repatriation Act and the state Antiquities Act [UCA 9-9-403 and 9-8-304]. The request comes from DCC. The proposal is to amend the state NAGPRA (Native American Grave Protection and Repatriation Act) and Antiquities Act to apply to private as well as public lands, assuring the Native American human remains are treated consistently regardless of land ownership, and to ensure that no burden is placed on private landowners by giving that responsibility to the State Antiquities Section. It amends the Antiquities Section statute to give the section responsibility for excavation, analysis, and reporting Native American human remains recovered from state and private lands in Utah. Currently, there is no specific language for the process for Native American human remains on private lands.

Kevin will prepare the statute changes for the Board approval at the next meeting.

GIS POLICIES, DATA DISTRIBUTION AND FUNDING – KRISTEN JENSEN

GIS (geographical information system) information is currently on paper maps, site records and project reports. Eighty percent of the paper maps have been translated into GIS. The GIS web application is in the process of being customized to facilitate the interactions between the Antiquities Section and customers. This new application should be up and running in February 2006. Kristen is requesting from the Board that an Ad Hoc committee study these issues and assist in preparing a funding structure and a proper distribution policy before February. The distribution policy is not problematic, however, how to fund this is more complex.

Michael Homer asked for volunteers to be on the Ad Hoc committee. Pam Miller, chair, Max Smith, Claudia Berry will work with Kristen Jensen. Kristen and Pam will set up a meeting to discuss the request in detail. Thom Roberts should review the policy and any potential fee structure.

ANNUAL MEETING SEPTEMBER 15 - 17

Michael Homer stated that the goal for the Annual Meeting has been to transform it into the historical conference that everyone wants to attend. He asked the Board to evaluate the Annual meeting and discuss their assessment at the next meeting. At the next Board meeting, a number of issues will be discussed: does the Board want to continue to solicit sponsorship, the number of sessions, should there be more professional historians and other professionals, meeting locations, and do we want to pursue national speakers. The exhibit space in the lobby area of the Depot will be reserved for the Annual meeting next year.

GRAND REOPENING RIO GRANDE DEPOT

Phil believes that people will attend the sixties celebration on Friday who are not aware of the Utah State Historical Society. The evening coincides with the gallery walk sponsored by the Art Council each month. The exhibit currently on display features the fellowship recipients from 2004 and 2005. Governor Jon Huntsman Jr., will attend and welcome the public. The Salt Lake sixties will be the theme presented by Ken Sanders, owner of Ken Sanders Rare Books. In the Board and West lecture rooms, Ken will have on exhibit his collection of sixties posters demonstrating the different groups that came to Utah.

In the past, the Depot was a gateway to the city for many ethnic and culture groups. This legacy should continue by having a cultural campus, which includes not only the Division of State History/Utah State Historical Society, but the Arts Council, Office of Museum Services, and State Archives providing services to the public where people can come and get information about their heritage and history.

RETREAT IDEAS

Information was passed out to the Board about membership to the Utah State Historical Society. It included the *Quarterly, Preservation Magazine, Currents*, the book entitled *Grace and Grandeur, a History of Salt Lake City*, by Thomas G. Alexander and a membership form. Michael encouraged the Board to invite friends, neighbors, and fellow parishioners to join the Utah State Historical Society. He also encouraged membership for the younger generation. If you give a gift membership to someone, the Society sends a gift card to them letting them know who sponsored the gift.

Michael asked the Board to share other ideas they had to impact the image of the Historical Society. One suggestion was to partner with other organizations. Michael Winder stated that he is involved with the West Valley Historical Society and they would like to host a conference of local historical societies to share ideas. Further discussion of ideas will continue at the December 1 Board meeting.

A motion to adjourn was made by Ron Coleman and Scott Christensen seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

NEXT BOARD MEETING – DECEMBER 1, 2005 – RIO GRANDE DEPOT

ADJOURN: 2:30

